

Appl. No. 10/619,934  
Amdt. Dated January 12, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of December 17, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 81788.0253  
Customer No.: 26021

**Remarks:**

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004. Applicant amends claim 17 and cancels claims 24 and 25. Claims 17-23 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

The outstanding Office Action indicated that prior claim 25 presented allowable subject matter. Applicant amends claim 17 to incorporate the limitations of claims 24 and 25 so that claim 17 now presents the subject matter of prior claim 25. Applicant submits that claim 17 and its dependent claims 18-23 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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